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Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram,  
“Go from your country and your kindred  
and your father’s house  
to the land that I will show you.  
And I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you and make your name great,  
so that you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you,  
and him who dishonors you I will curse,  
and in you all the families of the earth  
shall be blessed.”

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A person (through whom blessing will flow)

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Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel:  
The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God  
with all your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

And these words that I command you today  
shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children,  
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,  
and when you walk by the way,  
and when you lie down,  
and when you rise.

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,  
and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.  
You shall write them on the doorposts of your house  
and on your gates.

Matthew 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

And he said to him,

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the great and first commandment.

And the second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments

depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Deuteronomy 30:15-18

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear,  
but are drawn away to worship other gods  
and serve them, I declare to you today,  
that you shall surely perish.

You shall not live long in the land that  
you are going over the Jordan  
to enter and possess.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today,  
that I have set before you life and death,  
blessing and curse.

Therefore CHOOSE LIFE,  
that you and your offspring may live,  
loving the LORD your God,  
obeying his voice and holding fast to him,  
for he is your life and length of days,  
that you may dwell in the land  
that the LORD swore to your fathers,  
to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob,  
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Jeremiah 33:14-15

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will fulfill the gracious promise  
I made to the house of Israel  
and to the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time  
I will make a righteous Branch  
sprout from David’s line;  
he will do what is just and right in the land.”

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JESUS, the Christ,  
the Son of the Living God

Jeremiah 31:33

“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD:

“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

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Deuteronomy 30:6

And the LORD your God  
will circumcise your heart  
and the heart of your offspring,  
so that you will love the LORD your God  
with all your heart and with all your soul,  
that you may live.

Ezekiel 11:19-20

And I will give them one heart,  
and a new spirit I will put within them.  
I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh  
and give them a heart of flesh,  
that they may walk in my statutes  
and keep my rules and obey them.

And they shall be my people,  
and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 36:24-27

I will take you from the nations  
and gather you from all the countries  
and bring you into your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water on you,  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,  
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

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John 3:3-8

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God...

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

John 3:3-8

“Do not marvel that I said to you,

‘You must be born again.’

The wind blows where it wishes,

and you hear its sound,

but you do not know where it comes from

or where it goes.

“So it is with everyone

who is born of the Spirit.”

John 3:14-21

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,  
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
that whoever believes in him  
may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him  
should not perish  
but have eternal life.

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For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law  
by becoming a curse for us – for it is written,  
“Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” –  
so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham  
might come to the Gentiles,  
so that we might receive the promised Spirit  
through faith.

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals, because you were slain,  
and with your blood you purchased men for God  
from every tribe and language  
and people and nation.

“You have made them to be a kingdom  
and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign on the earth.”

Jeremiah 31:34

“And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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John 17:3

“And this is eternal life,  
that they know you the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

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- A new commission (with a new power!)

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again?  
Or do we need, as some do,  
letters of recommendation to you, or from you?  
You yourselves are our letter of recommendation,  
written on our hearts, to be known and read by all.  
And you show that you are a letter from Christ  
delivered by us, written not with ink  
but with the Spirit of the living God,  
not on tablets of stone  
but on tablets of human hearts.

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Such is the confidence that we have  
through Christ toward God.

Not that we are sufficient in ourselves  
to claim anything as coming from us,  
but our sufficiency is from God,  
who has made us competent  
to be ministers of a new covenant,  
not of the letter but of the Spirit.

John 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another:  
just as I have loved you,  
you also are to love one another.  
By this all people will know  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another.”

1 John 2:7-9

“Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning.

The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all,  
keep loving one another earnestly,  
since love covers a multitude of sins.

Romans 13:9-10:

The commandments,

“You shall not commit adultery,

You shall not murder, You shall not steal,

You shall not covet,” and any other commandment,

are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

1 John 2:15-20

Do not love the world or the things in the world.  
If anyone loves the world,  
the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world –  
the desires of the flesh  
and the desires of the eyes  
and pride in possessions –  
is not from the Father but is from the world.

1 John 2:15-20

And the world is passing away along with its desires,  
but whoever does the will of God  
abides forever.

Children, it is the last hour,  
and as you have heard that antichrist is coming,  
so now many antichrists have come.

Therefore we know that it is the last hour...

1 John 2:15-20

But you have been anointed by the Holy One,  
and you all have knowledge.

2 Corinthians 4:5-18

For what we proclaim is not ourselves,  
but Jesus Christ as Lord,  
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”  
has shone in our hearts to give the light  
of the knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:5-18

But we have this treasure in jars of clay,  
to show that the surpassing power  
belongs to God and not to us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;  
perplexed, but not driven to despair;  
persecuted, but not forsaken;  
struck down, but not destroyed;  
always carrying in the body the death of Jesus,  
so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested  
in our bodies.

2 Corinthians 4:5-18

So we do not lose heart.

Though our outer nature is wasting away,  
our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

For this slight momentary affliction  
is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory  
beyond all comparison,  
as we look not to the things that are seen  
but to the things that are unseen.

For the things that are seen are transient,  
but the things that are unseen are eternal.